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3 Remarks

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6 Amendments to the Claims

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8 Claims 63-73 are hereby withdrawn; claims 43-62 remain. Claim 62 has been
9 amended to correct dependency.

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11 Election/Restriction

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13 A restriction requirement has been imposed on the claims – specifically: Group I
14 (claims 43-62, drawn to a method of synthesizing a germanium sulfide); and Group II
15 (claims 63-73, drawn to a compound of germanium sulfide).

16 In response, the Applicant hereby elect the claims of Group I (i.e., claims 43-62)
17 for examination on the merits at this time. This election is being made without traverse.

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19 Petition (Request) for Extension of Time Under 37 CFR 1.136(a)

20 The Applicants hereby petition for a one (1) month extension of time under 37
21 CFR 1.136(a) to response to the Office action of June 22, 2009. The one-month
22 extension extends the date for response to August 24, 2009.

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24 Respectfully submitted,

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